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Between 15 and 31 December 1954, about 60 male workers up to 50 years old and employed by the VEB Steingutfabrik (earthenware plant) at 2 - 4 Hafenstrasse in Torgau were informed that they were not to change their place of work until further notice. If they did not comply with this order their labor passport would be invalidated. Information on the purpose of this measure was not known as of 8 January 1955. Among the workers of the plant, which has a total work force of 1,200, it was believed that the measure was connected with preparations for a registration for the draft. There were heated discussion between the workers concerned and the plant management. Some of the workers did not want to join the RVP.

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